

## Status of GYCC Committees

Various committees are responsible for the on-going coordination of management activities in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA). A brief summary of GYCC related committees follows:

**GYA Clean Air Partnership.** The committee consists of unit air resource program managers as well as the Departments of Environmental Quality in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The committee serves as a technical advisory group on air quality issues to the GYCC, as a forum for communicating air quality information and regulatory issues, and coordinates monitoring between state and federal agencies.

*Key contact:* Mark Story, Gallatin National Forest.

**GYA Fire Management Team.** Fire management officers from each GYCC unit meet each spring and fall to review fire management planning status and operational procedures. GYA fire managers provide peer review of individual unit fire management plans, and develop procedures for coordinated management of large and or complex fire incidents within the GYA.

*Key contact:* Dave Sisk, Shoshone National Forest.

### **GYA Science Group.**

The group helps identify priority research needs and coordinates research projects across the GYA. Develops and analyzes scientific information to provide a scientific basis for the management of natural and cultural resources in the GYA.

*Key contact:* Currently inactive.

**GYA Weed Group.** Invasive species coordinators from each unit work together on common inventories, establishment of cooperative weed management areas, and integrated management to prevent the spread of noxious weeds.

*Key contact:* Craig McClure, Yellowstone National Park.

**GYA Hydrologist Team.** The team works on a GYA-wide assessment of watershed conditions, restoration priorities, monitoring, and cooperative management opportunities.

*Key contact:* Mark Story, Gallatin National Forest.

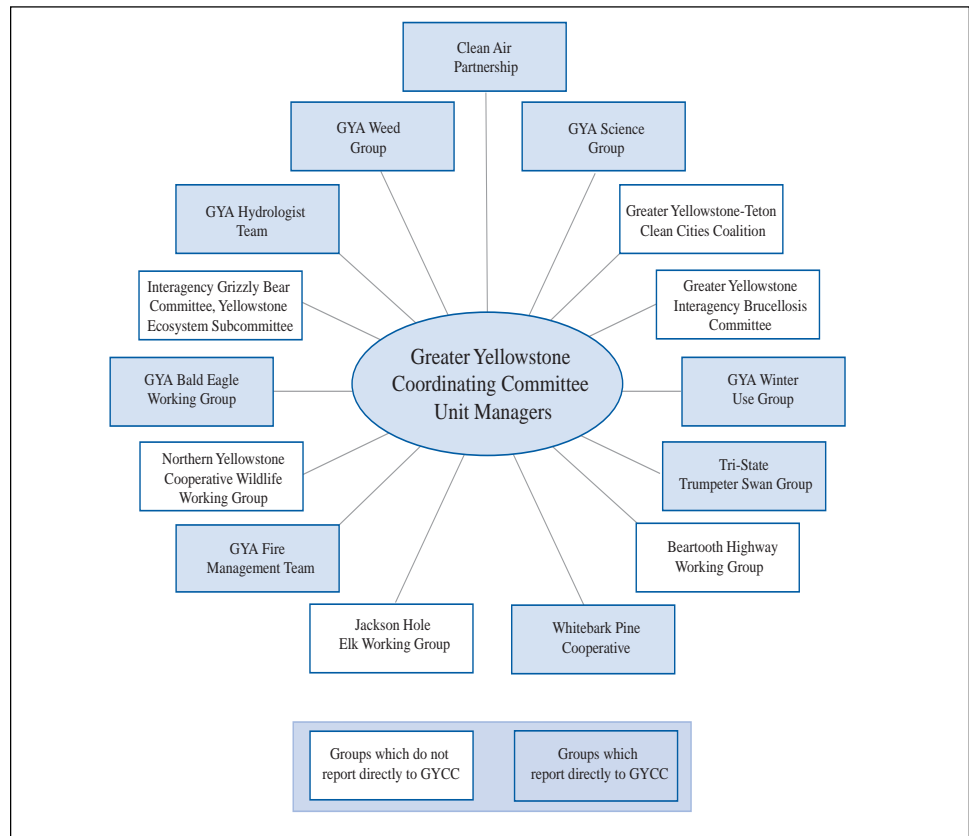
**Whitebark Pine Cooperative.** Partners include forests and parks in the GYA, Wyoming Game and Fish, Forest Service Research, USGS Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, Forest Service tree nurseries, and the Wyoming State Forestry Division. Partners are working to maintain and restore whitebark pine stands threatened by white pine blister rust.

*Key contact:* Melissa Jenkins, Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

**Tri-State Trumpeter Swan Group.** State fish and wildlife departments for Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other federal land managers in the GYA are working to maintain and restore trumpeter swan populations and habitat.

*Key contact:* Bob Oakleaf, Wyoming Game and Fish.

**Northern Yellowstone Cooperative Wildlife Working Group.** Biologists from Yellowstone National Park, Gallatin National Forest, and Grand Teton National Park.





*Yellowstone cutthroat trout inventories, Caribou-Targhee National Forest.*

atin National Forest, USGS Biological Resource Division, and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks are working together on issues concerning management of the northern elk herd and other ungulates.

*Key contact:* Tom Lemke, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

**Jackson Hole Elk Working Group.** The National Elk Refuge, Grand Teton National Park, Bridger-Teton National Forest, and Wyoming Game and Fish deal with issues primarily related to elk and bison winter range management.

*Key contact:* Barry Reiswig, National Elk Refuge.

**Greater Yellowstone Bald Eagle Working Group.** Biologists from Yellowstone National Park, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the states of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho coordinate the recovery of the bald eagle.

*Key contact:* Terry McEneaney, Yellowstone National Park.

**Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee (YES).** A subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, consisting of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming wildlife departments, Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Focus

is on coordinated grizzly bear management, including recovery planning.

*Key contact:* Reg Rothwell, Wyoming Game and Fish.

**Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee (GYIBC).** Chartered by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture and the governors of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, the goal of the GYIBC is to protect and sustain the free-ranging elk and bison populations in the GYA and protect the public interest and economic viability of the livestock industry in the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The committee meets three times a year.

*Key contact:* Bob Hillman, State of Idaho.

**Greater Yellowstone Winter Use Group.** A group of representatives from forests and parks that work together on winter use issues. Current priority is monitoring impacts of winter use.

*Key contact:* Larry Timchak, Executive Coordinator.

**Greater Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities Coalition.** A regionally based group of public and private sector interests located in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and surrounding national forests gateway communities in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The primary goal is to address energy efficiency and the use of alternative, cleaner fuels.

*Key contact:* John Lear, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

**Beartooth Highway Working Group.** Representatives from Yellowstone National Park; Custer, Gallatin, and Shoshone National Forests; Montana and Wyoming Transportation Departments; and Federal Highways are working on jurisdictional issues and long-term maintenance and improvement plans for the Beartooth Highway.

*Key contact:* Federal Highway Administration.

## Major Planning Projects Around the Greater Yellowstone Area

National parks, wildlife refuges, and national forests are engaged in various National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning efforts. For national forests, NEPA quarterly reports listing all on-going projects can be accessed via the internet addresses listed below. For national parks, projects are included in the list of recent press releases. National wildlife refuge homepages may provide project information.

Bridger-Teton National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/btnf/nepalist.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/btnf/nepalist.htm)

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/r1/bdnf/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bdnf/) (reading room)

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/tnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/tnf)

Custer National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer)

Gallatin National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/projects](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/projects)

Shoshone National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/r2/shoshone/nepa/projectinfo.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/shoshone/nepa/projectinfo.htm)

Yellowstone National Park

[www.nps.gov/yell/press/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/press/index.htm)

Grand Teton National Park

[www.nps.gov/grte/](http://www.nps.gov/grte/)

National Elk Refuge

[www.r6.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge/](http://www.r6.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge/)

Red Rock Lakes Refuge

[www.r6.fws.gov/redrocks](http://www.r6.fws.gov/redrocks)